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II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE INDIVIDUAL MOBILIZATION AUGMENTEE DETACHMENT PSC BOX 20081 CAMP LEJEUNE, NC 28542-0081

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# **POLICY LETTER 1-06**

From: Chief of Staff, II MACE IMA Detachment

To: Distribution List

Subj: II MACE IMA Detachment (II MACE IMA Det) FORCE PRESERVATION

**CAMPAIGN PLAN** 

Ref: (a) MCO 5100.29A

(b) II MEFO 1050.1B

(c) CG, II MEF Policy Letter 01-04

Encl: (1) CG, II MEF Policy Letter 01-04

- 1. <u>Situation.</u> Over the past several years, mishap numbers have risen to the point that the Secretary of Defense mandated each of the services reduce their rates by 50% by the end of fiscal year 2005. As a result, the CG, II Marine Expeditionary Force put into effect an innovative Force Preservation Campaign Plan that was designed to decrease the numbers of senseless, and costly, mishaps. The plan worked; the numbers at II MEF fell to 48%. Why am I relaying this information to you? Because during the same time period, the majority of the members of II MACE IMA Det were mobilized and assigned to II MEF and were potentially "saved" by this plan. But this is a new year and we must not take past accomplishments lightly or put them in a box where we can glance at them from time to time and say "remember when." We must remain vigilant in this challenging and difficult battle against mishaps if we are to be able to maintain the numbers needed to support II MEF in being a vigorous fighting force around the globe.
- 2. <u>Mission.</u> This Policy letter sets forth the philosophy and procedures for the conduct of the II MACE IMA Det Force Preservation Campaign Plan in order to dramatically reduce II MACE's and subsequently, II MEF's on and off duty mishaps and fatalities.
- 3. Execution. II MACE IMA Det H&S Company Commander will ensure that the programs and procedures in references (a), (b), and (c) are implemented for those reservists in a drilling status. The II MEF policy and procedures noted in paragraph 3, reference (c) will be utilized accordingly. Mentors for various risk category Marines will be Reserve Marines whenever possible. If a reserve Marine is assigned to a risk category of A or B, and the Marine is brought on active duty for a period of two weeks or greater in support of the IMA Det or II MEF, a Marine from that individual's staff section will be assigned as a mentor. In addition to the procedures set forth in the various enclosures, the following guidelines will be utilized for II MACE operations:

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- a. Drill schedules will be arranged so that the final drill period will end at a time that will allow for a safe and rested drive home.
- b. Mandatory Operational Risk Management (ORM) procedures will be completed and followed for all training periods.
- c. As part of the check-in process, the G-3 will ensure that all junior Marines, who have not completed driver safety training, are scheduled and required to attend the course.
- d. As drilling reservists, the majority of our time is spent pursuing endeavors in our personal lives. It is imperative that good judgment and commonsense be applied to all activities external to the Marine Corps. The skills and procedures in ORM, that we have become familiar with as Marines, need to be utilized at home to ensure safe evolutions between drill periods.

# 4. Administration and Logistics.

- a. <u>Line of Duty/Misconduct Investigation</u>. The Commanding Officer, H&S Company will rigorously apply the requirements in reference (c) in conducting line of duty/misconduct investigations resulting in injury or death. Existing JAGMAN standards must be strictly enforced; even if it means that individuals are determined to have been injured (or caused injury to others) through their own misconduct and end up paying for their own, or third party, medical costs.
- b. <u>Force Protection Plan Assessment.</u> This plan will be periodically assessed and revised. The Commanding Officer, H&S Company should anticipate being called upon to brief the II MACE IMA Det Commander/Chief of Staff on the specifics and the effectiveness of this program.

### 5. Command and Signal.

- a. Signal. This Policy Letter will be effective the date signed.
- b. <u>Command.</u> This Policy Letter is applicable to all members of II MACE to include those Reserve Marines assigned to the Mobile Training Unit (MTU).

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